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## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated September 11, 2007 in the above-identified U.S. patent application. A check in the amount of \$460.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

An Amendment in response to the outstanding Office Action is being filed simultaneously herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0625.

Respectfully submitted,

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